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# Chapter 1161

Roy's expression paled when he heard this.

Standing beside him, Gerry immediately understood that Jasper's words were actually directed at himself. After all, he had been in working in the industry for a long time.

His expression changed and Gerry smiled wryly at Jasper. "Mr. Laine, this restaurant has quite a few shareholders and Roy is one of them. I may hold more shares than him, but it wouldn't be right to just fire him."

"Hmm. You're right. There's no such thing as firing a shareholder." Jasper nodded understandingly.

Roy let out an internal sigh of relief when he heard Jasper's reply. At the same time, he also lost a bit of respect for the man. 'Looks like Mr. Laine isn't all that great. His identity's just slightly more formidable, but not unimaginably so.'

'See? Isn't Jasper also admitting that there's nothing he can do?'

'I'll just need to treat him to a meal after this to apologize. Then, we can all move on from this.'

With that thought, Roy could not help but feel gleeful again.

Tiffany secretly and his

out, this Mr. Laine isn't even that powerful. I'll give him room to back off then I'll secretly make this woman mine. There's nothing he can possibly do anyway once I've had a taste of

when he thought of that, and he

that Jasper was aware of every minute change

Jasper said, "Since you can't fire a shareholder, then you'll

he looked at the man confusedly.

expression turned disgruntled, but he could not refute

too far, Mr. Laine?" Roy grit his teeth

good number of shareholders invested a total of tens of millions to open this restaurant. What right do you have to close

I own the lot your restaurant currently

Roy

is Mr. Laine's property. Who the f\*ck do you

continued, "I'll pass along my instructions later, after which, the JW Real Estate staff in charge of Gold Pedestrian Street's property will

not leasing this lot to you anymore, so please close your doors and move

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#### 4-4 minutes

Roy's tragic pleading did not evoke Jasper's compassion.

If it were any other person, Roy might bully them badly such that no one would pity them. At the end of the day, people like Roy would only take advantage of others' kindness.

Hence, it would benefit society to get rid of these people early.

"Enough! Stop shouting!"

Seeing that Jasper remained unaffected by Roy's pleas, Gerry did not dare to let the man continue. He glared and shouted at Roy, "What're you still here for? Get lost! There's no place for you to talk here!"

Roy did not dare to leave. Staying meant he still had a shred of hope, but his life would be over if he left.

Gerry saw through Roy's intentions and said coldly, "I'll give you a chance to leave, which you'll take if you're smart. Mr. Laine isn't the kind to kill you off."

"But if you choose to continue and anger Mr. Laine, then don't blame me for turning against you, Pearce!" Gerry was truly frantic.

Only he knew the fear he felt toward Jasper.

Getting rid of the Haddock's Chamber of Commerce's Waterhoof City branch was one thing, but what terrified Gerry the most was the news he had received.

Norman and his daughter had sold all their property this morning and had taken the earliest flight out of the country.

Others might now know about this, but Gerry was well aware of this piece of information.

He also knew that Norman had contacted the little prince, and the Royal family, to protect his property.

The little prince had stood up for Norman as well. Despite this, Norman had been forced to leave overnight.

The implications behind this terrified Gerry.

prince and the two had come to

way Gerry would know of the exact contents of the meeting, but he could clearly see

daughter might not have died, but Jasper had never

believed that Jasper had forcibly made the little

terror Gerry felt when he found out that the little prince had stepped aside to give Jasper access to Norman was no less than the respect

divert his anger

him. He clenched his jaw and remained quiet. Roy

sexual desires, as it had gotten

through, Roy looked devastated as

said, "This is all a misunderstanding, Mr. Laine. Really. How about this, since we've coincidentally met, how about I treat you to

glanced at Tiffany and waved him off. "No need. I came here today to have dinner with my

and turned to Tiffany, "What a pretty sister you have, Mr. Laine. I didn't prepare any meeting gift, but here, for you. I hope

a diamond necklace from his breast

could tell that this might have

been in such a situation before, and shook her head

kind, Mr. Heron. Thank you for the thought, but

a sigh of relief when he heard

would hold today's events over his head. He would be

seafood restaurant today, but the restaurant was not completely his own. He had only invested a little bit of money in

if Jasper made him an enemy, Gerry did not

come today to meet another distinguished guest. He would be troubled if

about to say something when a group of people

people were currently chatting happily among

of the crowd was a handsome man in his twenties, donning a

and Gerry's expression changed when he saw the young man. He quickly went over to greet

'Mr. Chavez?"

the rare surname, and turned to

replied calmly, "Why? Do

slightly and quickly smiled. He replied, "Of course not. What I meant was that I could have met you downstairs if I knew the

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2-2 minutes

Prince stared at Jasper expressionlessly and said coldly, "Looks like rumors were right, Jasper. You are indeed very arrogant."

"There are many rumors about me but I always thought of myself as humble and cautious. I don't know when the word 'arrogant' began to be associated with me, but perhaps it's because people don't know me very well. I'm sure that once they get to know me, they'd find that I'm a really easy person to get along with."

Prince harrumphed at Jasper's claim and said, "Cut the nonsense with me. It's useless."

"Since you know who I am, Jasper, then I'm sure you know about the situation there too. So, stop playing dumb."

"I'll tell you straight up. I have my eyes on the online payment industry."

Then, Prince smiled and stepped out of his small crowd toward Jasper. Once he got close, Prince grinned wretchedly and said slowly, "You, get lost!"

Beside them, Julian narrowed his eyes at Prince's taunting words.

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a glance from Jasper, and Julian would crush Prince's

concerned, no

Jasper only looked at Prince

Jasper had been faced

to climb the ranks, the enemies

enemy Fabian had already caused him a multitude of problems

little prince, posed a danger

was not

could tell there was a scheming man beneath all his

Not that it mattered.

then," Was all

yet his gaze was exceptionally

a child. I've already got my eyes on the online payment industry, so there's no way I'd let anyone else touch it. There are plenty of people vying to go against you,

I have nothing against doing something many other people would like to

speaking, then he turned his head away.

With that,

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2-2 minutes

"Go ahead. What you choose to invest in is your own business."

Jasper said calmly, then he ignored Gerry and left with Tiffany and Julian in tow.

Gerry stomped his foot as he watched Jasper leave. He felt the urge to slap himself.

Of all the times, it had to happen now. What a coincidence.

Prince and Jasper just had to become enemies, and the day he decided to treat Prince to dinner, Jasper just had to be there to find out.

Jasper who had no idea of Gerry's internal turmoil as he soon arrived downstairs.

"Jasper, did I end up causing you trouble again?" Tiffany saw Jasper's stern expression and asked softly.

Jasper snapped back to reality and smiled. "Not at all. There was some other issue, but it wasn't your fault... Are you hungry? What do you want to eat?"

"But we agreed that I would treat you," Tiffany whispered, "But we can do it next time if you're busy, Jasper."

can't drag on the celebration for your

when she saw a gentle smile grace Jasper's features

"Alright."

she wanted to say were condensed

could tell that the man from just now would pose great trouble

had chosen to

this would be the first and last time she acted on

they shopped around Gold Pedestrian Street, then went to a restaurant on the

to dine in. The three were frugal,

his face as he watched Tiffany pull out money for the bill excitedly. Being considerate of the

product of her desire to thank him, and it meant more than 400 Somer Dollars to her. Hence, Jasper did not do anything to kill

her to

Jasper's smile instantly

not say much and only told

make their way to the airport immediately, where

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Both Hudson's and Wayne's expressions changed slightly upon hearing this.

Both of them knew that, considering his character, Jasper would not make a joke about something like this. Not to mention that he had flown both of them over from different cities with his private plane. It would be ridiculous for him to go so far just to make a joke.

Hence, Jasper's words had to hold significant meaning. Jasper exhaled softly and continued, "It's to do with payment."

Payment!

Wayne and Hudson frowned at the mention of this.

Payment methods were the most important aspect of online shopping platforms, so Wayne was no stranger to online payments. He also knew that he could not make his platform into something big no matter how good it was if they did not find a good solution for this problem.

"As things stand, the government has plans to standardize online payment; it will be implemented through policies soon. They'll most likely try to increase accessibility and standardize market behavior."

"This implies that the government is aware of the huge effect that online payment may bring, which is why they're setting a standard in advance."

"This involves many parties, and we've already got competition. If we're not careful, our opponent will completely seize control of the online payment market. We'll be in trouble if that happens."

Hudson seemed fine when he heard Jasper explain this, but Wayne's expression changed completely.

The main point of an online shopping platform was to have a huge number of products and a quick and convenient shopping method. From signing up on the website to choosing goods to communicating with suppliers, everything came down to paying for the goods.

then he might

we have the first-mover advantage, it won't be that easy for competition to

now, so we have to take control of the online payment industry before the direction of the

technology platform that Terizone Inc and Sena partnered to create, then

a whole new subsidiary for it. This subsidiary company will only take care of online payments, and

and Hudson

JW in the

importance had instantly outshone

became

own 70% of the new payment company's shares. For the remaining 30%, I'm planning to split it between Terizone and Abbylon equally. JW Capital will maintain ownership and be the majority shareholder, but I plan to hand management rights

Hudson's eyes lit up brightly when

of management too, and I've decided to go

two presidents would hold the same level of authority in the company. Both presidents would be

two to assume the role of CEO of this new company yourselves. However, the two of you can hand me your recommendations and I'll personally

the two men and continued immediately, almost as if he knew what they were

be through positive and friendly competition. Fighting internally would only result in friction and a waste of JW's resources. There was no way Jasper would

was a recipe for

deal with if the duo recommended

see why

saying. They saw

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Half an hour later, after a simple breakfast Jasper had Julian drive him to ICBS' Waterhoof City branch's conference room.

Vita met Jasper outside the conference room.

"How is it? Did I miss anything?" Jasper asked.

Vita quickly replied, "You're just in time. The conference starts in five minutes."

"The higher-ups sent a survey team to attend this conference. The main objective of today is to confirm the access policy. I've already sorted your ideas and handed them over, so they might ask you a few more questions about it."

Jasper nodded. He was about to push open the door and enter when Vita lowered his voice and said, "Prince is inside too."

Jasper arched his brow slightly. "He doesn't have an online payment company not any relevant experience. What's he doing inside?"

Vita smiled wryly and replied, "We can't decline him because of his status. Soha's vice president's also inside with him."

Jasper nodded. He pushed open the conference room door and walked in.

There were not too many people in the conference room, just five to six, but everyone looked stern.

Jasper immediately attracted everyone's gaze once he entered the room.

Sitting on the left of the conference table was Prince. The man tinkered with the earring on his earlobe and

looked at Jasper neither dark nor brightly. Then, he sneered.

The middle-aged man sitting at the head of the table was very polite as he took the initiative to walk up and shake Jasper's hand.

"Hello, Mr. Laine. I'm the leader of the survey team, Barnaby Wilcher. You can call me Mr. Wilcher."

"Mr. Wilcher, please survey to your

laughed out loud and replied, "It's our job. Well then, let's begin the

lead, Jasper sat on his right, coincidentally right

casually, "Wait. Before

on hold. Only after the policy's issued should the company be re-reviewed, after which qualifications and licenses can

Jasper after hearing

idiot could tell that Prince was targeting Jasper alone

because Jasper was the only person in the country officially operating an online payment system. Jasper would be forced to suffer a huge loss by putting his online payment system on hold until the policy was enforced, his company's qualifications were re-reviewed, and a license was distributed to

wonder if you eat by injecting food into your stomach and

from the other attendees. They could not help but laugh

the meeting, showed a tint of mirth on the corner

the only one with a pitch-black expression. He stared at Jasper and asked, "What did

know understand what I said?"

conference had been a fight between him and Prince to begin

the policy in the future. One that might result in a huge attack

was fully prepared to face off against Prince, both from a logical and emotional

government's support, it's proven to be a viable option to adopt. I have no qualms about sharing the fruit of my hard work with you since I had never decided

the online payment industry in the future. So what

will change according to the official policy when it's issued

were

Wilcher nodded slightly

Prince would give up so easily when he had the intention

make it sound so nice, but I heard rumors long ago that your online payment has a turnover of tens of millions everyday. Who knows if you've done anything illegal? Would

in the conference

not stop

involved in a turnover of tens of millions? Do you know how much dirty money you can earn with even a slightly underhanded

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Prince suddenly smiled and slowly sat back down. He raised his hand to play with his earring and said, "Wow. You're not a weak opponent at all, Mr. Laine. Very well, then. Let's start the conference."

Everyone felt uneasy at the drastic difference in Prince's attitudes. It was as if he had turned into a completely different person.

Jasper was the only one who frowned slightly as he internally raised Prince's level of danger toward him.

The impression Prince gave Jasper right now was of an arrogant and insolent man. However, beneath all these emotions hid an even stronger capability to control them.

People like him were very difficult to deal with.

Mr. Wilcher finally found the opportunity to speak. He cleared his throat and said, "Let's move on from the previous topic. There are two agendas for this conference today."

"Firstly, about the access review policy plan Mr. Prince Chavez proposed for the online payment industry. It's a great plan, and after further research, we've found that we can use this suggestion as a sort of the blueprint while designing the future policy."

Prince finally smiled after he heard Mr. Wilcher's words.

The entire proposal was designed with a professional AI policy research team under Mr. Wilcher.

own interests were kept. As far as Prince was concerned, there was no reason

"I just want to standardize the industry even more. Otherwise, other people might start thinking that just because they came first, that the entire industry

attention was fixed on Jasper the entire time, so he did not realize

not done yet," Mr.

casually, "It's alright. There's no need to praise, to thank, or to give me recognition. I'm just doing my part. Only by brainstorming and working together can we make the

turned even

Jasper Laine's proposal as the final executed standard that will

Wilcher's words, the conference

and his expression became as dark as a

they would use Jasper's suggestion as the final executed standard in the

he turned to glare at Mr.

still somewhat powerful. Hence,

please correct your attitude. All decisions were made during the research meeting and was not decided by any one

felt like he had been made fun of as he suppressed his fury that was moments away from exploding again. He answered, "Didn't you say that

system. The government will do a comprehensive qualification review before a company can apply, and they will only be issued a

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Prince's anger was only natural.

The man was in a rush to prove himself to his family. He was optimistic about the online payment industry, and he had invested a lot of time and effort to make it come true.

To Prince, this incident was like a trial for him. If he passed, then he would be given more say in the family enterprise. If he failed, then he was to do his part and be an obedient son of his wealthy family.

Prince was indignant.

After paying the price in an immeasurable amount of effort, Prince's most basic goal was to monopolize and enforce a blockade on the market so that only he alone was allowed to operate it.

The situation had been going great until Jasper suddenly appeared. After Jasper figuratively flipped the dinner table so that no one could eat anything, Prince now hated the man to his very core.

However, it had never occurred to him that Jasper had already stepped foot in this industry before he could. If he wanted to control the entire market, he had to throw Jasper out.

Jasper ignored all of Prince's scolding and complaints. After all, he had more important things to do than deal with Prince's disgruntlement.

"Mr. Wilcher. I also brought something this time."

Jasper then pulled out a stack of papers. Mr. Wilcher looked at it then waved his hand, and someone immediately distributed the papers to everyone.

received a copy as

tricks he has up his

flipped

taken one look when

the conference room, Jasper began to

development of the online payment platform initially run by Terizone

will only be in charge

an extra 1 billion specifically for compensation purposes. This way, anyone who uses my online payment business will not have

shook when he took in the contents of the

this would be the nail in the

execute this, no one in the country's online payment industry would be able

passed the document to his team of research consultants that had followed him here,

that he had to do everything

it would be over

stark contrast to Prince, Mr. Wilcher and the rest became more terrified and satisfied as they

asking, is this entire operating concept and framework, as well as

contents of the document were something he had

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Before Jasper could react to Prince's words, the vice president of Soha sitting beside the latter paled in shock.

'Since when was Soha about to launch an online payment platform?'

'As vice president, how do I not know about this?'

'We have nothing. What are we launching?'

'We have no product to sell, so there's no reason for any customer to use a barebones online payment platform! What are we launching it for, then?'

Sitting on his chair, the vice president felt sweat bead and trickle down his forehead. He was frantic.

Yet, Prince showed no signs of interest in this as he glared at Jasper.

"So? Do you dare to take up my challenge or not?"

shouting. The former replied, "I don't care what you or Soha are going to do. If you think you have the capability then fight

"Good!"

bravery. But as someone who's never experienced it for themselves, you'll never know how terrifying it is to

capital is in comparison to mine. If you

Wilcher shook his head at both

possible, he truly hoped that these two companies could collaborate and work together to develop this newly emerged

now, it seemed like this was a

He represented the government, so no matter how distasteful he found Prince's arrogance, or how much he appreciated Jasper,

move on to the next item on the agenda. Before I do that, let me remind everyone once more that the point of this research conference is to plan for the online payment industry's future. Please refrain from bringing up topics unrelated

own emotions into this

payments operated, what problems he's faced or would face in the future, and how to resolve these

the only person in the entire country and world that was officially running an online payment system. There were similar businesses abroad, but those were of a completely different kind, and there was no way they could invite someone foreign over to conduct an

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All they could do was watch as Jasper and Mr. Wilcher grew even closer.

Many people believed that with Prince's temper, there was no way he would accept being discarded like this.

Surprisingly, Prince did not cause trouble throughout the rest of the conference. It was almost as if he had accepted the role as a bystander.

It was only his sinister gaze sweeping over Jasper from time to time that gave him away. After all, nobody would believe that this quiet man sitting at the conference desk could look as arrogant as he did at the beginning of the conference.

An hour later, the meeting ended.

Outside the conference room, Mr. Wilcher shook Jasper's hand and said, "Thank you for so many of your suggestions, Mr. Laine. I'll compile and hand this up as soon as possible. I'm sure that the official document will be issued in no time."

Jasper smiled and replied, "I'm just doing my part."

After their chat, Prince also walked out of the conference hall bossily.

made a beeline for Jasper and

you and let you admire it, Jasper. Because it won't

with a

I realized that I was wrong. Rather than prideful, you're just a scheming ant who has a bit

you' re just an ant at the end

"You've never faced Clear Seas Industrial, so you'll never know how powerful I am. I am the crown prince of Clear Seas Industrial! Just you wait, Jasper.

the talking. What use is being ruthless

icily, "You sure have

you can still joyfully rebut others in the future. Not

gave Jasper one last sinister look after he finished speaking, as if trying to memorize Jasper's current expression before he turned

Prince's figure

Instead, it was focused on Soha's vice president who